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TIMELY PAYMENT FOR WORKS UNDER MPLADS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that treasury restrictions are imposed on payment of bills related to works under Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) by various State Governments;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has been imposing such restrictions on payment of bills related to works under MPLADS;

(d) if so, whether the State Governments are authorised to impose such treasury restrictions on MPLADS funds and if so, the grounds thereof; and

(e) if so, the directions issued by the Union Government to the State Governments to clear the bills related to MPLADS without any treasury restrictions ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) One case of non-payment of bills in respect of works under the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme [MPLADS] in Kerala was reported. The DC, Kozhikode clarified that there was some confusion during the transitional phase when the MPLAD Saccounts were closed in the Government Treasury and transferred to the nationalized banks as a result of which some cheques submitted to the Treasury could not be honoured. The issue of non-payment of bills was sorted out after funds had been transferred to the nationalized banks.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.